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OPEN HOUSE TO SHOWCASE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF FUTURE ROUTE 7 BUS RAPID TRANSIT

Wednesday, October 15, 4-7 p.m. at the Culmore Community Library

Arlington, Va. – The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), in partnership with the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County, will hold an open house Wednesday, October 15, 2025, to showcase the potential benefits of the planned Envision Route 7 bus rapid transit (BRT) system connecting Tysons and Alexandria. Staff seeks feedback from community members on their priorities for the corridor.

What: Envision Route 7 Open House

When: Wednesday, October 15, 4 to 7 p.m. (Drop in anytime)

Where: Culmore Community Library, 6101 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church, VA 22041

Members of the public can also share their ideas [online](#) through Monday, November 3, 2025.

What is Envision Route 7?

The [Envision Route 7 project](#) will enhance bus service with faster, more reliable trips on Route 7, which is heavily congested. The Metrobus F20 route, which serves a majority of the project corridor, has the highest ridership route in Virginia.

What is Bus Rapid Transit?

Bus rapid transit is a public transit system that removes buses from traffic congestion by providing dedicated bus lanes, where possible. Benefits of BRT include:

- More frequent and reliable service.
- Shorter commute times.
- Protective bus shelters with safer, easier access for riders.

What's Happening Now?

NVTC is advancing previous research to study [bus priority](#) and BRT between Seven Corners and the Mark Center/Southern Towers in Alexandria. Community feedback and analysis will help inform the best approaches for improving bus service, including current and future transit use along Route 7, as well as potential benefits to the region.

This work is funded through the combination of a federal Community Project Funding grant made possible by U.S. Rep. Don Beyer and the late Rep. Gerry Connolly, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation funds and local matches provided by the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church and Arlington and Fairfax Counties.

For more information about the Envision Route 7 project, visit novatransit.org/programs/route7.

Two or more NVTC Commissioners may attend the open house. However, this is not a business meeting and no action will be transacted.

About NVTC

NVTC works to ensure that businesses and residents are served by a high capacity, high quality network of transit systems that allows the region to thrive. It funds and promotes transit in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. NVTC supports five local bus systems (ART, CUE, DASH, Fairfax Connector, Loudoun County Transit), Metro and the Virginia Railway Express. Visit NoVaTransit.org to learn more.

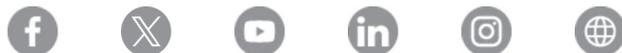
About the City of Alexandria

Founded in 1749, the City of Alexandria is a full-service, independent city in Virginia with a national reputation for progressive and responsible government. With a fast-paced business environment and walkable neighborhoods, Alexandria is a world-class destination where businesses and nonprofits choose to call home. Located minutes from the nation's capital, Alexandria's old-world charm and cutting-edge innovation are the perfect mix for attracting a diverse community, talented workforce, and enthusiastic visitors.

About Fairfax County

Since 1977, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has served the Fairfax County community by enhancing mobility, safety and the quality of life of residents, businesses and visitors through planning, coordinating, funding, implementing and sustaining a multi-modal transportation system.

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